**Statement -II**

No items have been distributed through Cooperative Societies in the State during this period except disbursement of term and IRDP/SGSY loan to farmers and others as per details below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| S.No. | Type of Loan | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Short term loan | 659.60 | 563.14 | 520.77 |
| 2. | Medium term loan | 72.50 | - | 345.20 |
| 3. | IRDP/SGSY loans | 49.87 | 30.72 | 6.93 |
| | TOTAL | **781.97** | **593.86** | **872.90** |

**Incentives to farmers**

160. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce any incentives to agricultural farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government through its programmes and schemes provides incentives to agricultural farmers in the country with the objective to enhance production, productivity, income and employment in agriculture sector from time to time.

**Poultry Organisations in Andhra Pradesh**

161. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the Central Poultry Development

Organisations set up by Government is located in Andhra Pradesh, though the State leads in poultry farming in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for ignoring the State ; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Poultry Development Organisations were established only on regional basis, one each for Southern region in Karnataka, Northern region in Chandigarh, Eastern region in Orissa and for Western region in Maharashtra. The Centre at Karnataka is basically for meeting the requirement of all the Southern States including Andhra Pradesh.

**Agricultural Technology Information Centres in Punjab**

†162. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of Agricultural Technology Information Centres set up in Punjab;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by Government during the last three years for the purpose in the State; and

(c) the necessary action taken by Government to impart training to farmers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have sanctioned for establishment of one Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) with Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana. Out of funds provided by ICAR for 1 centre, the University on its own established three sub-centres at its regional research stations in Sangrur, Gurdaspur and Ropar.

(b) During the last three years, an amount of Rs.39.42 lakhs has been released by the Council to PAU for the purpose.

(c) The Council has established 10 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the State. During the last one year 14,338 farmers including farmwomen and rural youth have been trained by the KVKs.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.